



Beautiful
Community

Jesus modeled an intentional, diverse, and purposeful community.

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Matthew 4v18-22 (ESV)

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Matthew 9v9-13 (ESV)

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Matthew 9v35-10v4 (ESV)

And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) *so that* they might be with him and he might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons.

Mark 3v13-15 (ESV)

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Matthew 9v36-38 (ESV)

Pseudo-Community

AFFINITY

- Friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc
- Comfort
- Consumption
- Homogeneous
- Connections
- Preferences
- Low Risk
- Conflict Avoidant
- Gospel +

A Jesus Community

JESUS

- Other Disciples
- Transformation
- Commitment
- Diversity
- Mission
- Sacrifice
- Faith
- Conflict Transformation
- Gospel Revealing



practicing the way of Jesus together.

Men and women gathered around the presence of Jesus for the purpose of being *transformed* so we can discern and *live out God's will*.

These are communities growing in *being with Jesus* so that we will be *sent out*.